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VACCINE COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS USEFUL IN INDUCING

IMMUNE PROTECTION AGAINST ARTHRITOGENIC PEPTIDES

INVOLVED IN THE PATHOGENESIS OF RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS

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**RESPONSE** 

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed December 19, 2001 (Paper No. 8), entry of the amendments and reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

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CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8

I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on <u>April 16, 2002</u>, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231

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